

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) A method for initiating a witness audit comprising:
periodically receiving input specifying a query to a central database storing information representing a plurality of available audits, each of the queries based on requirements of the witness audit including at least one of time period, SIC code and accreditation type;
for each of the queries, providing a list of the available audits responsive to the query;
displaying one or more scheduled dates for a selected audit;
receiving input representing a confirmation of the one or more scheduled dates for the selected audit; and
storing the confirmation in a corresponding field of the central database.

17. (New) A system for initiating a witness audit comprising:
one or more computers configured to
periodically receive input specifying a query to a central database storing information representing a plurality of available audits, each of the queries based on requirements of the witness audit including at least one of time period, SIC code and accreditation type;
for each of the queries, provide a list of the available audits responsive to the query;
display one or more scheduled dates for a selected audit;
receive input representing a confirmation of the one or more scheduled dates for the selected audit; and
store the confirmation in a corresponding field of the central database.